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## OLD-TIME ENTHUSIASM WAS LACKING IN THE GREENWOOD MEETING

OVER 2,000 PEOPLE HEAR CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE.

With One or Two Exceptions There Were No Interruptions—Blease Criticizes Manning's Administration "From the Record."—Cooper Well Received.

Greenwood, June 27.—Speeches by five candidates for Governor before an audience of between 2,000 and 2,500 people, in which there were many ladies, failed to arouse the old-time enthusiasm in Greenwood today. There was a noticeable lack of demonstrations as characterized campaign meetings here in the past, and there was absolutely no heckling, a reminder of the county-to-county canvass of 1912 and 1914. Each speaker was, with possibly a slight exception of two, accorded the very best attention.

**The Meeting Opens.**  
At 11 o'clock Dr. E. J. Smith opened the meeting with prayer. There was some delay on account of a misunderstanding either as to the opening hour or who was to speak first. Dr. Smith prayed that the campaign "be one of high ideals." Chairman W. H. Nicholson took only a minute or two to say that he expected the audience to give every candidate "a fair and square deal." He asked, at the request of candidates, that there be no disturbance by cranking of machines, etc.

**Cole L. Blease.**  
Former Gov. Blease, the first speaker was received with a few "hurrahs for Blease." He explained that he was late because an agreement had been reached to have the candidates for Governor speak last.

He declared he is advocating several issues in his platform and mentioned first the state warehouse system inaugurated when he was Governor. Properly handled he declared it is a benefit to the farmers. Mr. Blease said he favors a 6 per cent. rate of interest for the ordinary citizen. Corporations are able to get it at a much less rate.

He wants the constitution so amended that the Governor can call an extra session of court "for certain cases" and thus save the expense of delays. He also favors striking out the \$2,000 to be paid in "certain cases." Biennial sessions of the Legislature are advocated. Under the present system laws are passed and judges and solicitors do not know what they are before they have to pass on them.

Mr. Blease wants the common school system built up and is opposed to give the higher schools so much money. "I wouldn't do a college any harm," he says, "but they are getting too much money in comparison with the common schools. In many cases poor people derive no benefit."

**The Confederate Soldier.**  
Mr. Blease said he was in favor of a pension only for "real, genuine Confederate soldiers" and not to "those who claim to have been in the war and have not."

Turning around, the former Governor asked: "Is the Governor here?" When told Mr. Manning was not the speaker said: "Well, I am sure he is

absent because of a misunderstanding, and I will say nothing behind his back."

"He ought to be here," cried a Blease admirer in the audience.

The speaker then said he would take the court records since Gov. Manning has been at the head and show that the administration has been one of the most lawless in years. He cited instances of criminal assaults and riots and as to blind tigers said: "They may have run out the blind one, but they say nothing about those that can see."

Mr. Blease ridiculed the claim that the Asylum has been improved, saying the work "Blease was trying to do they have spent \$300,000 in doing."

Mr. Blease began to "warm up" part of his audience when he declared that he was "Governor, the only Governor four years." If elected again he said he would be Governor of all the people.

He criticized the creation of useless offices, mentioning the Tax Commission, with a chairman who pays only a poll tax, the board of conciliation and the board of charities and correction. The only thing this board has done has been to try to clean up the penitentiary "when Blease had already done that." He declared he had no apologies to make and if he gets back he won't pardon that many again, "because there are not that many left."

As to why he didn't reduce taxes Mr. Blease said: "You know if I had sent a message to the Legislature saying the Ten Commandments were good law the Legislature would have said no it is not."

In closing Mr. Blease asked his hearers to take the record and vote for the men who will sustain the laws.

**R. A. Cooper.**  
Mr. Cooper was received with considerable applause. He opened by referring to his conscientious work as solicitor of this district. He declared he asked no one's permission to enter this race and he believed the people would vote for a man on his merits. "If I have to win by pulling down a man and if I have to get favor by criticizing another man I will remain a private citizen. Measure me by the Democratic standard."

Mr. Cooper said a governor could promote the happiness of the people or make it a land of chaos. "If elected I will take an oath and so help me God I will keep it." He would not set aside the verdicts of juries without a thorough investigation. He favors one measure of punishment, the law so administered that its very administration shows it to be correct in theory as well as in fact.

**Education.**  
Mr. Cooper said his most important issue was education. Ninety per cent of the children in South Carolina, he said, would get education only in the schools nearest them. He said it ought to be the set policy of this state to give these schools the same training they get in the first two years of college work.

It is unfair, said Mr. Cooper, for the state colleges to give free tuition to 5 per cent of the boys and girls while all the people pay the taxes. He favors permitting young men to go through college free and pay back after they have finished. He declared

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## REGIMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD IN CAMP



## GUARDS OF CAROLINAS NOTIFIED

IF PRESIDENT DECIDES WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE HE WILL CALL FOR 250,000 VOLUNTEERS.

New York, June 26.—Major General Leonard Wood of the Eastern Department has ordered the guards of Virginia, North and South Carolina to be ready to move at an instant's notice. Entraining orders are only awaiting the formal reports of the adjutant generals of the State.

## HIS PERSUASIVE POWERS.

Hubert Cox has finished his course at a Business College at Columbia and has come home. He got here last Friday in the midst of the war excitement and was resolved to do or die in the way of getting his mother to allow him to enlist for the big fight. He had his speech made up and he was going to speak it with determination; he was going to use all the persuasion he could muster, but he was going to war or "bust." His ardor cooled down and the itch in his heel ceased to worry him when his mother told him that she thought to enlist and go to Mexico would be a "nice trip for him."

## REFLECTING CREDIT ON THE OLD TOWN

Mr. J. S. Hammond has received news from his son, Will Hammond, that he is off to Mexico for the war. Willie is making his home in Pell City, Ala., and is doing well in the world. He is a member of the Alabama National Guard, and went at the first call of duty. He will do his part well and we hope that he will come home covered with glory and honors.

## DEATH OF MR. PRATT.

Mr. John W. Pratt died at the Greenwood Hospital Saturday evening at 7 o'clock after a short illness. He had not been well for some time, but was able to be about his work.

The funeral services were conducted at 6 o'clock at Edgewood Cemetery Sunday afternoon, by Dr. B. H. DeMent, assisted by Dr. E. J. Smith and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

Mr. Pratt was a native of Due West and spent his entire life as a farmer. He moved to Greenwood 19 years ago.

Mr. Pratt was an uncle of Mrs. T. C. Beaudrot of this city.

## ROOSEVELT SAYS SUPPORT HUGHES

He Comes Out Flat Footedly For The Republicans.

Chicago, June 26.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt today formally announced he would support Charles E. Hughes for President. He declined the Progressive nomination in a formal statement and urged all Progressives to support the Republican nominee.

In his letter to the Progressive National Committee, Col. Roosevelt bitterly assails the Wilson administration, refers in vigorous language to the part the German-American Alliance may play in the election, and pays a tribute to the fine character of Mr. Hughes.

## DEATH OF MR. WILL SMITH.

Mr. Will Smith died at his home near town last Thursday evening, June 22, after an illness of about four weeks.

Mr. Smith fell from a scaffold about the office of Mr. C. D. Brown, about a month ago and suffered severe injuries, almost instantly being paralyzed from the blow. He suffered intensely during the entire time and death came not unexpectedly.

In early life Mr. Smith was married to Miss Williams, of this place, who preceded him to the grave several years ago. Of this union there were four children, Misses Blanche, Lena and Louise, and Mr. Sam Smith all of whom survive him. Mr. Smith is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Clark, Misses Ella and Carrie Smith and two brothers, Messrs C. A. and H. A. Smith. Mr. Smith was about fifty-seven years of age.

The funeral services were held at the A. R. P. church and conducted by Rev. M. R. Plaxco. Interment was made at Lebanon cemetery.

The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family in their bereavement.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR FRONT.

Messrs. Gottlob Neuffer, W. D. Wilkinson and Paul Kennedy left Saturday for Columbia, where they have enlisted with the militia. These are the first young men from Abbeville to leave to take up the duties of United States soldiers. Messrs L. B. Simpson and C. P. Wilkinson have also volunteered. The recruiting officer will be here this week to take charge of volunteers.

## AUSTRIANS ADMIT LOSS IN BUKOWINA

OFFICIAL WORD CONCEDES EVACUATION "WITHOUT THE ENEMY INFLUENCING OUR ACTION."

London, June 26.—The Austrian official communication received here admits the further falling back of the Austro-Hungarian forces before the Russians, saying:

"In Bukowina we have occupied new positions between Kimpolung and Jokobeny. We evacuated the heights south of Betrometti and Wizinic without the enemy influencing our action."

## CAPT. MOREY IS FOUND WITH FOUR TROOPERS

San Antonio, June 26.—Capt. Lewis Morey with four negro troopers has been found on a San Luis ranch, General Pershing notified General Funston today.

## ITALY MAKES SEVERAL GAINS.

Rome Reports That the Austrians Have Begun a General Retreat in the Trentino Region.

Rome, June 26.—The Austrians have begun a general retreat on the Trentino front, under a smashing Italian offensive, it is officially announced. The Italians have captured many positions, the most important gains since the war.

## SLAVS STILL PUSHING ENEMY

Wireless Dispatches State Russians Have Broken Through Carpathians Into Transylvania.

London, June 26.—The Russians have broken through the Carpathians into Transylvania, in their advance through Bukowina, according to a wireless dispatch from Rome.

## A DELIGHTFUL PARTY.

One of the most delightful parties ever given in Abbeville was that with which Mrs. Joe Wilson entertained her young friends last Thursday morning. Tables for the playing of cards were arranged on the porch, while the yards were made pretty with many vases of cut flowers. After the playing of many merry games refreshments of sandwiches and tea were served.

Mrs. Wilson is beloved of all who know her and our people rejoice that her health is such that she can again take part in the festivities of the town.

## NATIONAL GUARD TO LEAVE TODAY

State Troops Off For Border.—Fifteen Thousand Go.

New York, June 25.—National Guard commands from Florida, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont will be started for the border Tuesday or Wednesday, it was announced at the headquarters of the department of the East here tonight.

Fifteen thousand National Guardsmen from New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Connecticut will start for the Mexican border tomorrow, Maj. Gen. Wood announced late tonight.

The section of the units will be left to the guard commanders in the different States. Gen. Wood has specified in his order only the number of troops to move and their classification. Transportation details also will be arranged by the quartermasters department in each State.

In all there will be 11 regiments of infantry, one complete regiment of cavalry, one complete regiment of field artillery, with the usual hospital and ambulance units and signal corps for such a force.

Maj. Gen. Wood, commander of the department of the East, received tonight from Secretary Baker an urgent appeal to start forward at once some of the militia organizations under his jurisdiction.

The emergency was considered so important it was said at Governor's Island, that medical examination of the men would be waived. It was intimated that some of the State troops in the East would entrain tonight.

The troops of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut, which now are in mobilization camps, will start South within 24 hours, it was announced. The National Guardsmen Florida, Maine, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia and West Virginia, which now are mobilized, will be started for the border as soon as absolutely necessary equipment is received. So important was the message from Secretary Baker considered at Gen. Wood's headquarters that the telegraph was abandoned as a means of communication and officers of his staff used the telephone to get in touch with the various State commanders and impress upon them the importance of speedy action. It was announced that mustering officers would be sent to individual armories to swear National Guardsmen into the federal service.

Gen. Wood said he had asked Gen. Funston for instructions as to where the troops are to be sent.

Statistics with Gen. Wood's staff tonight were tabulating the number of men, their equipment and supplies, and it is expected that by sundown tomorrow the entire contingent from New York State will be on its way.

The infantry regiments will average between 950 and 1,000 men. The other units are believed to be near war strength.

At midnight Gen. Wood received word that one infantry regiment from Vermont would be ready to move by tomorrow night and he included that regiment with those ordered to entrain at once.

## German Submarine Coming to New York

MADRID DISPATCH QUOTES A SPANISH PAPER AS SAYING CRAFT BRINGS MESSAGE TO WILSON.

Paris, June 26.—A Madrid dispatch to the Temps quotes the Imparcial as reporting that President Wilson will receive a message from the German emperor in the same manner as did King Alfonso. This statement is included in an interview which the representative of the Imparcial had with the German naval attaché von Krohn, who declared that the bringing of letters to the king of Spain by a German submarine could not affect Spanish neutrality, which the Germans respect.

The Spanish newspaper, the dispatch adds, demands that the government take measures to prevent a repetition of the submarine incident.

**Due June 25.**  
London, June 26.—A delayed dispatch from Madrid to the Daily Telegraph says that the German submarine is due to arrive at New York on Sunday, June 25, with a message for President Wilson "thereby surpassing the feat of the U-35 which carried a letter to King Alfonso."

## RETURNED FROM CHARLOTTE

Mrs. James S. Cochran and Miss Mildred Cochran returned from Charlotte yesterday. Miss Mildred was under treatment at a Hospital while there, and after a successful operation, is improving rapidly. Her many little friends will be glad to learn of her convalescence. Miss Leola Hannon of Charlotte, accompanied them home. She will be Mrs. Cochran's guest for several weeks.

## Candidates Will Apply for Abbeville's Votes Today

The campaigners are with us today and it is expected that a large crowd of voters will be present to hear the speeches. Hon. Wm. N. Graydon, chairman of the County Democratic Committee, will preside over the meeting, which will be held at the rear of the court house at 11:30 o'clock. The order of the speakers will probably be as follows:

After the preliminary exercises the candidates for state treasurer will speak. They will be followed by candidates for Secretary of State and next will come candidates for Lieutenant-Governor. Then come the candidates for Governor in the following order: R. A. Cooper, John M. DesCamps, John T. Duncan, Gov. Manning and former Gov. Blease. Last will be the candidates for railroad commissioner and State Superintendent of Education.

## TROOPS READY TO EMBARK ON A TRAIN

